



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of January 13 – January 28)

This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

This report represents the county that the event took place within, not the assigned county of the Conservation Police Officer.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Palumbo charged a Stillman Valley man for unlawfully taking a deer during the last late winter antlerless only deer season in Carroll County. The doe was transported untagged, after the hunter harvested two deer with only one permit. The Stillman Valley man then used a permit belonging to another person without their knowledge and checked the deer in under their name. The deer was seized and donated to the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger. Multiple written warnings were also issued.

CPO Jones observed a truck double parked at Mississippi Palisades State Park. CPO Jones approached the driver about the violation. Further investigation revealed the man was driving without a valid driver's license. The man was cited and the vehicle was removed by a valid driver.

While conducting field compliance checks during the late antlerless deer season CPO Jones observed a truck at a hunter area at Mississippi Palisades State Park. CPO Jones waited for the man to come out of the field. A Cicero man came out of the field after hours with his crossbow still loaded. The man was arrested.

CPO Jones received information about illegal deer at a residence in Shannon. Upon further investigation including an interview it was discovered the Shannon man was in possession of a road kill deer that had not been reported. The man was issued a citation.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf met with a hunter who discovered a deer carcass while shed antler hunting. The Woodstock man stated he wished to keep the antlers. The carcass was inspected and the antlers were tagged with a salvage tag.

CPO Hoogerwerf received a complaint of a Galena resident feeding deer. Multiple deer were feeding in the yard upon

the officer's arrival. The following investigation revealed the woman had scattered oats in her yard. The woman had received a warning and later a ticket from Galena Police Department for the same violation the previous year. A ticket was issued.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Alt was working an ongoing road killed deer poaching investigation in Stephenson County that originated from Thanksgiving weekend. In addition to investigating this past complaint, CPOs Alt and Fraser began working midnight patrol(s) in this area in an effort to actively address this issue from a patrol standpoint. They recently had success catching a pickup truck containing four hunters using their headlights to shine the fields near the location of this illegal road hunting. A traffic stop revealed a violation of illegal transportation of alcohol and unlawful transportation of an uncased rifle while in a vehicle or conveyance. Although these hunters are believed not to be suspects from the original road hunting complaint, violations were addressed nighttime patrol efforts will be ongoing.

A 45 year old man from Roscoe was wanted on an outstanding warrant and hunting illegally in Ridott. CPO Beltran and CPOT Cox were performing a hunting license compliance check when it was discovered the man failed to have a valid deer permit. Further investigation discovered the man failed to check in a deer harvested two weeks prior and falsely checked in a deer from the first season for his father. The man's warrant for failure to appear for DUI from Winnebago County had a \$5,000 bond. He was taken into custody and lodged at the Stephenson County Jail. Citations were issued for his wildlife violations.

CPO Fraser and CPO Alt conducted a deer decoy detail in Stephenson County which resulted in citations for Illegal transportation of alcohol, Illegal transportation of uncased firearm, and various IVC violations.

District 6 – Vacant

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt addressed a Target Illinois Poachers complaint of unlawful taking of undersized pan fish from a Belvidere Lake. The complaint proved unfounded due to the fact only large and smallmouth bass have a size and creel limit on this body of water. Report was completed.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn was patrolling with an intern when he encountered a Princeton man fishing without a license on the Hennepin Canal. Upon further investigation the man was found to be a predatory sex offender. The man was arrested for being in a State Park. During CPO Finn's search of the man he found drug paraphernalia. The man was arrested and transported to the Bureau County Jail. The fisherman was cited for unlawfully being in the State Park and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was warned for not having his fishing license.

While checking Ice fishermen on the Hennepin Canal, CPO Wright found a subject who did not have his fishing license in his possession. The subject's driver's license was checked and he had a warrant for his arrest for failure to appear for cannabis possession. The subject was arrested. A search of him produced a cannabis pipe. He was taken to the Bureau County Jail. He was also arrested for the drug paraphernalia. A written warning was issued for fishing license not in possession.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry received a disposition from DeKalb County Court. In March of 2015 CPO Murry investigated the unlawful killing of four Canada geese. Surveillance footage was obtained from Walmart that showed the individual purposely driving over the geese. The suspect was located a few days later and initially fled on foot from his residence. He had removed a toolbox from his truck and removed stickers from it to disguise the truck in attempts that he would not be

located. After making contact with him, he admitted to killing the geese. The individual pleaded guilty to hunting by aid or use of a motor vehicle. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$800.00 and placed on 18 months of court supervision.

CPO Fraser and CPO Schoonhoven are conducting an investigation into a single vehicle serious injury snowmobile crash that occurred in Kingston. The operator was airlifted from the scene with critical injuries to his head and face. He was not wearing a helmet and was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Wire checked thirteen goose hunters in LaSalle County. A written warning for no hunting license in possession and a warning for an unsigned federal waterfowl stamp were issued.

CPO Jansen conducted an investigation using Facebook to discover a subject was hunting with a crossbow during early November. The subject had no deer permits, hunting license, or habitat stamp. During the interview the subject admitted to hunting squirrels. The hunter was issued three citations and 4 written warnings.

CPO Jansen was checking ice fishermen at Lake Holiday. When the fishermen opened the Ice Shanty, Officer Jansen detected the odor of burnt cannabis. One subject had a grinder, hitter box, and hitter pipe in his possession. The other subject did not have a fishing license. A total of three citations were issued and one subject was fingerprinted and released on an I-bond.

CPO Jansen discovered fresh footprints in the snow leading to a closed bluff trail on the Illinois Canyon Trail system. CPO Jansen was able to locate the subjects on the legal trail and questioned them as to why their footprints were in the restricted area. They admitted to climbing up to the top. A consent search led to the discovery of cannabis and paraphernalia on two subjects. A total of seven citations were issued.

CPO Kaufman noticed a vehicle parked in the Mattheissen State Park parking lot a half hour after dark. CPO Kaufman located in the vehicle's backseat a box used to hold a case of wine. Per park rules all hikers must be off the trails by dark and alcohol is not allowed on the trails. CPO Kaufman waited in the parking lot until three individuals, two 18 year old males and one 16 year old male, walked from the trailhead towards the vehicle. One of the 18 year old males was carrying a backpack. CPO Kaufman met with the young men and explained the park rules. When asked if any of them had weapons on their person, the young man with the backpack handed CPO Kaufman a set of metal knuckles. Besides the metal knuckles the young man had cannabis, a cannabis pipe, and three bottles of Boone's Farm Apple Flavored wine product in his possession. All three young men admitted to drinking the Apple Flavored wine product and a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) confirm it. The two 18 year old males received several citations. The 16 year old male was released into the custody of his father; charges are being referred to the juvenile court system.

CPO Kaufman responded to a call of a vehicle in Illini State Park with two slashed tires and an unconscious female by the vehicle. When CPO Kaufman arrived Marseilles EMS was on scene and was checking on the driver. Marseilles EMS had found the driver behind the wheel; they had to shake her to wake her up. The driver, who is a dancer at a local club, appeared to have fallen asleep while driving home. She had a suspended driver's license and no valid insurance for the vehicle. She received two citations and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

CPO Kaufman completed an investigation from archery deer season. A hunter had shot a 15 point buck and an 11 point buck about 15 minutes apart back in October. The hunter's problem was he only had one either sex permit when he shot both bucks. He was issued three citations and has a mandatory court date.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser and CPO Schoonhoven were called to the scene of an abandoned snowmobile near Rockton. The snowmobile was involved in a collision with a tree before being abandoned and all registration stickers were removed, except a 1999 registration decal. CPO Fraser was able to track down the most recent registered owner of the snowmobile and CPO Alt conducted an interview with the subject. It was determined that the operator did not

have insurance or valid registration for the snowmobile and failed to report the accident within the statutory time limit. A follow-up meeting with the operator is pending to issue citations, return the snowmobile, and complete a snowmobile crash report.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

MCDONOUGH COUNY

CPO Reid cited a McDonough County subject for wanton waste. The cases involved a whitetail deer which had been dumped along the road.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma investigated a hunting without permission complaint, which initially started out as a suspicious persons call when two subjects appeared to be hiding their vehicle between semi -trailers in a parking lot of truck dock. The truck dock was adjacent to a set of woods known to have a large herd of big deer. The two subjects were seen in camo, with no further description other than the license plate of the vehicle. Follow up then discovered three separate footprints, drag marks from a hunting sled with blood and fur deposited along the way, all which lead to a fresh gut pile.

Information obtained from the license plate and POS inquiry provided valid contact information and the owner of the vehicle was interviewed and quickly admitted to being in the woods deer hunting with his friend. Follow up interviews were conducted with both subjects and both subjects were issued several citations for hunting without permission and the unlawful taking of white tail deer. At the conclusion of the interview the one subject was asked if there was any other information he would care to share or if there was anyone else with them that day. The subject stated "no" and was released. A day later he called to turn the third subject in. The third subject was interviewed and also cited for hunting without permission and the unlawful taking of a white tail deer. A total of 11 citations were issued at the conclusion of the investigation.

CPO Siedsma conducted ice fish enforcement on several small lakes in the county and issued a written warning for a subject not having his fishing license in possession while fishing.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Semenik spoke at a Hunter Safety Education class at the Bass Pro Shop in Gurnee.

CPO Semenik arrested a Chicago man for failure to immediately release short largemouth bass and unlawfully fishing without a sportfishing license. The man was ice fishing a pond off the Des Plaines River in Lake County. Minimum size limit to keep on this body of water is 15 inches. While conducting a sport fishing compliance check CPO Semenik recovered five short largemouth bass mixed with multiple bluegill and crappie in the angler's bucket. The bass measured 9", 8", 7", 6.5" and 5.5".

While checking ice fisherman near Boone Creek CPO Wagner issued citation for too many sport fishing devices.

While checking ice fishermen on a channel near Lake Griswold CPO Wagner issued citation for no valid sport fishing license.

While checking ice fisherman on Island Lake CPO Wagner issued snowmobiler citation for no valid registration and a warning for no insurance.

While driving northbound on Route 12 CPO Wagner observed an individual throw trash from vehicle. The individual was cited for depositing trash on highway.

During the course of checking ice fishermen CPO Wagner issued an additional nine warnings for fishing license not in possession and one written warning for too many sport fishing devices.

CPOs Jason Hurt and Todd Semenik were conducting routine ice fishing patrol in Lake County. A compliance check was conducted on four fishermen on Timber Lake. While checking one of the fishermen inside a shanty, the CPOs detected the odor of burnt cannabis. The CPOs located cannabis, a metal grinder, and a glass smoking pipe inside the shanty. Two fishermen were arrested for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia and released on scene on a Notice To Appear. Additionally, all four fishermen were cited for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Winters and CPO Davis followed up on a complaint about a subject who shot pheasants out of season. The subject admitted to seeing the birds on the property, returning to the house to get a shotgun and shooting the bird. Citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Winters followed up on a snowmobile accident on Nippersink Lake. The subject was attempting to skip over the open water and he did not make it. While standing on his floating snowmobile the subject called 911. Once he was pulled out of the water, he was transported to the hospital. The subject had a BAC of .179 at the time of the accident. He was cited for operation of a snowmobile under the influence of alcohol and careless operation.

CPO Kelley arrested a Lake County resident on a warrant. The subject was also issued a written warning for failing to have his fishing license in possession.

CPO Kelley spoke to a local home owner's association representative about fishing without permission issues. The conversation was a follow-up to a meeting CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg had facilitated with the Homeowner's Association in 2015.

CPO Kelley issued written warnings to two Lake county ice fishermen for failing to sign their licenses.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis completed a snowmobile accident investigation that occurred in Hebron (McHenry County). The operator rolled his snowmobile causing the ski to be severely damaged. He was cited for operation of a snowmobile without registration and operation of a snowmobile without proof of insurance. He was also issued written warnings for operation of a snowmobile on property without permission and operation of a snowmobile too fast for conditions.

CPO Kelley with the assistance of CPOs VanWiltburg, Schreiber, Winters and Sgt. Riedel, monitored a baited ground blind on ComEd property in Crystal Lake. After many hours of watching the blind, CPO Kelley finally found two subjects in the blind on the evening of January 10 despite the cold temperatures. During an interview one subject admitted to killing a small buck on January 1 from the blind. The subject who baited the area was written multiple citations and written warnings for feeding wildlife and hunting without permission. The subject who was actively hunting was issued a citation for hunting over bait and several written warnings for failing to sign permits and hunting without permission.

While on patrol near McHenry Dam, CPO Wagner made a stop for speeding. As a result of the stop the individual was cited for operation of uninsured motor vehicle and written warnings for speeding and not having a driver's license in his possession.

After investigating a call about suspicious deer hunting activity, CPO Wagner cited a Cary man for unlawful feeding of whitetail deer.

While conducting ice fish enforcement on Crystal Lake, CPO Wagner arrested an individual for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis <2.5 Grams.

CPO Wagner also issued two written warnings for speeding, one written warning for operation of a snowmobile on roadway and one written warning for no valid registration.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

CPOs Anderson, Bergland, Honiotes, Mieure and Sgt. Simon began participation in the CWD sharpshooting program. CPOs Anderson and Mieure conducted several investigations into residency issues for subjects that had purchased resident licenses in Illinois and an adjacent State.

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson checked several ice fishermen at the Mazonia Fish and Wildlife Area complex. One person was cited for having a short bass, two persons were cited for fishing after closing hours, and eight written warnings were issued.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker provided a K9 demonstration for a local school which was well received.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland investigated a complaint of a person failing to report deer harvest as required. Both the person complaining and the person complained about were issued warnings, one for hunting too closely to houses and the other for failure to report a deer harvest.

CPO Bergland cited a subject for falsification of records for falsely obtaining a resident license.

CPO Bergland issued a subject a written warning for hunting without permission. The landowner did not wish to arrest the subject

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid observed two persons trying to break thru the ice on a Will County Forest Preserve quarry. The subjects were over deep water and were using a large rock to try to break thru the ice, apparently unaware of the danger this action posed. CPO Reid contacted them and explained that their behavior was very dangerous. While speaking to them, he detected the odor of cannabis. One subject who was on parole admitted to smoking cannabis while out on the ice. Two smoking pipes were discovered and a small amount of cannabis. The subject was cited for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

CPO Honiotes continued an investigation into a subjects harvest records. Initially the subject stated he had harvested four deer but his harvest records indicated he had checked in six deer. Several interviews later with multiple subjects revealed he had checked in a deer harvested by a friend. He was cited for unlawful possession of deer and warnings for failure to properly check in a road kill deer, falsification of harvest records, hunting during a closed season, falsification of records. The friend was cited for failure to tag deer as required and a warning for hunting without a valid permit.

CPO Reid is investigating a dumping complaint in Channahon.

CPO Reid cited a subject for hunting without required blaze orange clothing during CWD season and for hunting without a valid license. He was issued written warnings for hunting without permission, no habitat stamp and for failure to sign/validate archery deer permits.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Vaughan attended the Rosemont Outdoor show and answered many questions regarding fish, wildlife, boating, snowmobile and trapping laws.

CPO V. Smith issued a citation for illegal feeding of deer while on patrol in Barrington.

CPO V. Smith issued three written warnings while on patrol in Schiller Park for illegal feeding of deer.

CPO V. Smith issued a written warning while on patrol in Blackwell Lake for fishing without a fishing license.

CPO V. Smith attended Rosemont Sport Show.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in a Cook County State Fish and Wildlife Area when he observed two people engaged in inappropriate sexual activity. Enforcement action was taken against both subjects.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at the Des Plaines River on the last day of North Zone Canada Goose Hunting. CPO Whitchurch observed two hunters in a boat actively hunting. He then made contact with the boat as the hunters packed up their gear when lawful hunting time came to an end and began to operate the boat back to the launch. CPO Whitchurch conducted a hunting compliance check and also a watercraft safety inspection. The hunters were found to be in compliance with all hunting laws, but were found to be in violation of multiple watercraft laws. One citation was issued along with two written warnings for the watercraft violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in the south side of Chicago when a vehicle sped past him at a high rate of speed weaving in and out of traffic. As the vehicle sped past CPO Whitchurch, he observed the subject drinking a beer from a can. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. It was confirmed the subject possessed open alcohol inside the front passenger area of the motor vehicle. CPO Whitchurch confirmed the subject was not impaired. Enforcement action was taken against the subject for unlawful transportation of open alcohol, speeding, and lane use violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol enforcing sport fishing laws when he observed a group of three subjects ice fishing in an area where alcohol was prohibited. When the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, they immediately packed up their ice fishing gear and walked off the ice towards their vehicles. CPO Whitchurch observed the subjects leave their empty beer cans on the ice. As the subjects were exiting the area, CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subjects and asked them why they left their beer cans on the ice. CPO Whitchurch received no valid response from the subjects. Citations and written warnings were issued for unlawful pollution of a waterway and for the alcohol violations.

CPO Whitchurch instructed at a Hunter Safety Class in Orland Park. CPO Whitchurch instructed for approximately one hour and also stayed after the block of instruction to converse with subjects on a one on one manner.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol enforcing sport fishing regulations when he observed one subject ice fishing. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject actively using 6 ice fishing devices. The limit is 3 devices. When the subject saw CPO Whitchurch, he tossed his hands in the air and told CPO Whitchurch he knew he was fishing with too many lines. The subject admitted that he did not think he would have been checked at this location by a game warden. The subject was instructed to remove the extra lines and he was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch attended the Chicago Sport Show in Rosemont on three consecutive days where large amounts of public interactions took place. Information was passed on to the public regarding State Wildlife Laws, Fishing Laws, Boating Laws, Trapping Laws, and IDNR Property Use Laws.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger spent a patrol shift enforcing Sport Fishing Regulations on frozen waters in Cook County. Numerous anglers were checked. A total of 15 violations were observed and enforced.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a frozen Cook County Lake when he observed two subjects fishing with too many devices. The limit on that site specific body of water was two devices per person. The two subjects had a total of seven active devices. CPO Whitchurch also observed other littering and pollution of waterway violations. Citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he conducted a compliance check on two fishermen. One of the fishermen looked at CPO Whitchurch and stated "You got me, I don't have a license". The violating fisherman further informed CPO Whitchurch that they just discussed the need to get fishing licenses over the past few days. A citation was issued for the violation.

CPO Mooi Issued a Chicago woman a citation for unlawfully feeding deer.

CPO Mooi attended the Chicago Sports and Outdoors Show. CPO Mooi was on hand with other CPOs to interact with the public, answer questions and address any concerns.

CPO Mooi conducted a presentation for the Morton Grove Police Department's Explorers Program. CPO Mooi introduced the Explorers post to the duties and responsibilities of the Illinois Conservation Police.

CPO Mooi conducted deer permit investigations in DuPage County. No enforcement action was taken.

CPO Mooi issued a Wheaton man a citation for driving over a gaggle of Canada geese. The complaint came after the individual posted a video of the incident to his Twitter account.

CPO Mooi conducted an interview for an Indiana Conservation Officer investigating unlicensed hunting in Indiana by an Illinois resident.

CPO Mooi conducted an interview for a Wisconsin Conservation Warden investigating possible illegal dumping by an Illinois resident.

CPO Macias checked various ice fishermen on Lake Michigan. Most were deemed to be in compliance with the ice fishing regulations although a few written warnings were issued.

While on patrol CPO Klemme observed a subject illegally feeding deer. Upon contact with the subject CPO Klemme determined the individual had been previously cited for the same offense. The subject was issued several citations and will appear in court.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi and CPOT Poffenberger conducted ice fishing enforcement in DuPage County. A man was checked and informed CPOT Poffenberger that he left his fishing license in his wallet in the car. CPOT Poffenberger allowed the man to retrieve it while more fishermen were checked for compliance. Upon returning to the man before leaving the lake, CPOT Poffenberger noticed that the license was purchased approximately 5 minutes after speaking with us on the ice. A citation was issued for fishing without a resident sport fishing license. The man was informed that honesty would have probably resulted in a warning.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody cited an Effingham man for dumping a large amount of garbage in a creek line in rural Coles County. In the course of tracking the man and his father down, CPO Moody arrested his father on an outstanding warrant from Effingham County for retail theft.

CPO Barnes observed a Mattoon man littering at Lake Paradise. CPO Barnes made contact with the subject and observed a strong odor of cannabis. The subject was later arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams.

CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man and a Windsor woman for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis at Lake Paradise while checking fishermen.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a West Virginia man deer hunting in Shelby County for failure to wear blaze orange during firearm deer season. The man also received written warnings for no hunting license or habitat stamp.

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon woman in Shelby County for speeding 80mph in a 55mph zone.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Graden received a complaint of two subjects hunting pheasants during the closed season. CPO Graden was unable to locate the hunters in the field but made contact with the local residents and got a license plate number. The license plates returned to a vehicle out of Leaf River, Illinois. The case remains under investigation.

CHAMPAIGN/IROQUOIS COUNTY

District 19 CPOs are investigating a case of Georgia residents illegally hunting on deer tags stolen from a local Walmart. During the investigation into the criminal violations several more wildlife violations have been detected. The investigation is ongoing.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright and CPOT Ausmus observed a Maroa man urinating outside of his vehicle on a country road while several vehicles passed him. While turning around the man reentered his vehicle and began driving. The CPOs initiated a traffic stop and asked him to perform field sobriety tests. During the investigation the man stated that he should not have been driving. He refused all chemical tests and was arrested for DUI and taken to the Macon County jail.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden completed an investigation which resulted in a Bloomington man being cited for unlawful take of a whitetail deer. It was determined the hunter had unlawfully shot two 8 point bucks during the same archery hunt while he only had one either-sex permit issued to him. One 8 point whitetail deer skull cap was seized as evidence.

VERMILION COUNTY

While on patrol CPOT Sanford and CPO Cottrell discovered two individuals upland game hunting on the "Harry Babe Woodyard State Natural Area "in Vermilion County. This is a permit hunting area only and both had failed to apply for the free permit and were hunting a restricted area. Both subjects were cited for hunting without permission and advised to apply for the proper permits in the future.

CPO Cottrell completed a random deer permit investigation that showed the suspect failed to buy a bow permit prior to harvesting a deer and then checked the animal in immediately after purchasing the permit. This Danville man was cited for no valid permit and issued two written warnings.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley cited a subject for failure to wear blaze orange during firearm deer season. The subject was also issued several written warnings.

PIKE COUNTY

CPOs Drone and Blazinic cited two subjects for deer hunting without wearing blaze orange during the last late-winter firearm deer season. One subject took a picture of the other subject and a selfie. He then posted it on Facebook.

CPO Drone was given a TIP's complaint of a subject shooting a bobcat. CPO Drone conducted an interview with the subject. The subject admitted to illegally possessing a road kill bobcat. The subject was cited for unlawful possession of a bobcat.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Blakeley cited a subject for hunting without a valid deer permit, possession of a loaded firearm in the field after hours, and failure to wear blaze orange during the last late-winter firearm deer season. Another subject was cited for possession of a loaded firearm in the field after hours.

CPO Blakeley closed a case on a subject who pleaded guilty to hunting deer with the aid of bait. The subject paid a total fine and court cost of \$1332.00 and was placed on 12 months supervision.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPO Bettis checked a rabbit hunter discovering he was in possession of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. Upon a check for the plug it was discovered the subject had attempted to use a corn stalk as a plug. The subject was issued a citation.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran and CPOT Tanke completed several deer permit investigations resulting in violations such as failure to tag immediately upon kill and unlawful transfer of deer permits.

CPO Cochran and CPOT Tanke attended and taught the basic hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course at Pana Jr. High School.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOT Thornley and CPO Bettis investigated a subject for unlawful taking two whitetail deer during the closed late winter season. The subject was issued a citation and a written warning for the taking of the deer during closed season.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French completed a deer investigation started by CPOT Thornley. An Alton subject shot an 8 point buck without possessing a hunting license, habitat stamp and deer permits. The subject used his father's tags to report the deer.

CPO French and CPO Rolfingsmeier stopped an Alton subject for speeding, use of another's registration and operating a motor vehicle without valid insurance.

CPO French conducted a traffic stop in Horseshoe Lake State Park on a subject for an equipment violation. The stop resulted in the driver being arrested on two active warrants and operating a motor vehicle without valid insurance.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working waterfowl enforcement with CPO Ray came across two goose hunters unlawfully hunting Metro East Sanitation property and both hunters were cited for hunting without permission.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers received information about a woman posting pictures with her pet deer on Facebook from an Illinois Conservation Police Officer that works the northern part of the state. He received the information about a week prior to firearm deer season. Officer Sievers checked the woman's Facebook page prior to going to her residence. The woman posted that the deer had escaped from the pen but was wearing a blaze orange collar. Officer Sievers waiting until near the end of archery deer season to recheck the woman's Facebook post. There was no news of the deer returning. CPO Sievers went to the woman's residence and nobody was home but a pen was empty. CPO Sievers spoke with a neighbor and learned of the deer's outcome. A young hunter had shot the deer during the first firearm deer season.

CPO Charles completed an investigation of potential illegal deer hunting in Jackson County. CPO Charles made contact with one of the hunters that resides in Clinton County and determined that the hunter had been involved in illegal hunting that took place in Jackson County. CPO Charles made contact with the other hunters that were located in Jackson County. The hunters admitted that they had unlawfully used another hunter's deer permit to tag a deer he had harvested. The hunter was cited for the violation and the hunter that allowed his deer permit to be used was also cited for the violation.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a citation to a trapper for the unlawful use of colony traps.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a TIPS report of poached deer. Multiple deer were most likely shot from the roadway in a concentrated area.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Lay is investigating a Target Illinois Poachers (TIP) complaint from the 2015/16 firearm deer season involving unlawful hunting without permission of landowner.

CPO Lay cited a Hamilton County archery deer hunter for not having a Habitat Stamp when it was investigated that the hunter had harvested two deer without first purchasing the required stamp.

CPO Diggins encountered two 75 year old hunters dumping a deer carcass off a bridge during the late winter season. The hunters were given the option to clean up the carcass or be cited for polluting a waterway. The hunters opted to clean and properly dispose of the carcass. Both hunters were issued written warnings. The men stated they were unaware it was illegal to dump a carcass in a creek.

CPO Folden met with a gun store owner to receive Intel from the past deer season on an investigation.

CPO Folden completed an administratively assigned investigation on a Franklin County resident who hunted in Hamilton County. No violations were detected.

CPO Schoenhoff is working with Oklahoma Fish and Game on an individual using someone else's deer permit to harvest a buck. She is coordinating with the Officer to ship an illegally taken deer head back to Illinois and deliver citations to the violator.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

A complainant said he heard a shot near the road and saw a vehicle. CPO Jourdan and Sgt. Cariens responded. The two young men suspected of shooting were located at a nearby residence. They repeatedly said they did not have a gun or shoot from the vehicle until CPO Jourdan found a rifle casing in the vehicle. The gun was retrieved from a hidden location and both hunters blamed the other for shooting at a deer. Eventually the shooter confessed. Both young men were cited for hunting by the aid or use of a motor vehicle (one as an accessory). The driver was issued a warning for no driver's license. CPO Jourdan located a deceased doe the next morning.

CPO Jourdan completed two administrative investigations. One man mistakenly called in a deer shot in Marion County as taken in Jefferson County. Another man shot a deer in Jefferson County during the late winter antlerless season. Jefferson County was closed for that season. The man was cited for the unlawful take of an Illinois protected species.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Holland, observed a pickup truck parked partially in the driving lane on the Louisville Road. CPO Holland approached and spoke with two male occupant passengers who stated the driver was on foot in a nearby field hunting coyote. CPO Holland noticed an uncased long gun, inspected and learned it was a loaded .223 rifle. The

vehicle owner/operator arrived on scene. Further investigation led CPO Holland to learn the subject had no habitat stamp or valid vehicle registration. The subject was cited and released at the scene.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were on routine wildlife patrol when CPO Holland found a group of coyote hunters hunting near Bethel Church. CPO Smith arrived in the area and checked a hunter who was parked along Kin-Lou blacktop. The hunter could not find his hunting license and habitat stamp. CPO Smith and CPOT Roper checked POS (Point of Sale) and could not find any current hunting license/habitat stamp. CPO Smith issued one citation for no valid hunting license and one written warning for no habitat stamp to the hunter.

CPO Smith was working late winter firearm season and checked a non-resident deer hunter from Michigan. The hunter did not have a habitat stamp. CPO Smith issued one written warning for the violation.

CPO Smith and Holland were patrolling near Sailor Springs and observed a side by side ATV travelling on a township road. CPO Holland navigated his squad to intercept the ATV. Both officers ran into the path of the ATV and CPO Holland activated the emergency lights as the ATV approached. The ATV stopped and CPO Smith approached the ATV on foot. CPO Smith observed several cases of unopened beer in the rear bed of the vehicle. CPO Smith asked the three occupants to hand over the open alcohol. Two female minors handed CPO Smith a Michelob Ultra beer each. The male operator did not have any opened alcohol. CPO Smith obtained identification information from each and found the operator to be operating without a valid driver's license. CPO Holland cited the operator for no valid driver's license, written warning for unlawful transport of open alcohol, and operation of ATV on roadway. CPO Smith issued one citation each to the two female minors for unlawful possession/consumption of alcohol by minor. CPO Smith did not cite the two minors for unlawful transport of open alcohol.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor received a complaint of subject's ice fishing on the complainant's pond without permission. CPO Taylor made contact with four subjects ice fishing on the complainant's pond and issued each a citation for fishing without permission.

CPO Taylor and CPO Buhnerkempe attended Crawford County Whitetails Unlimited banquet in Robinson.

EDWARDS COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe issued a written warning for failure to report the harvest of a buck by 10:00 p.m. on the day of harvest.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted a deer permit administrative investigation. CPO Smith met with a subject in Montrose and issued two written warnings. One warning was for failing to tag deer immediately upon kill and the other was for hunting without a hunting license/habitat stamp. The subject purchased a hunting license/habitat stamp when it was discovered he didn't have it.

FAYETTE COUNTY

In January CPO Compton and CPOT Roper received information that a deer may have been unlawfully taken in Fayette County. The evidence indicated a Fayette County resident. After speaking with the suspect it was determined that two deer had been taken unlawfully, one in 2015 and another in 2016. Multiple citations and warnings were issued. A deer head and multiple packages of deer meat were seized.

In January CPO Compton and CPOT Roper received information that a Fayette County resident may have unlawfully taken a deer with a firearm in Fayette County during the late winter season. During an interview with the suspect he admitted to killing the deer. He stated he thought Fayette County was open for late winter.

During an investigation CPO Compton and CPOT Roper discovered that two Fayette County brothers harvested an antlerless deer and did not tag it lawfully. A second deer killed the day before was not reported. Multiple citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were traveling northbound on Highway 37 and observed two hunters hunting rabbit on the Canadian National Railway property. CPO Smith explained to them they do not have permission to do so and issued a citation to each hunter for hunting without permission.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith was traveling south on a rural road and just entered into Marion County. CPO Smith observed a Ford pickup truck sitting idle in the middle of the roadway. CPO Smith approached the truck and exited his vehicle. CPO Smith observed the driver texting on his mobile phone. CPO Smith also observed an open bottle of Coors Light beer sitting in the center cup holder. CPO Smith asked the driver to hand him the open alcohol and the driver did so. CPO Smith asked the driver for proof of insurance; the driver could not show current valid insurance on the vehicle. CPO Smith issued one citation for illegal transportation of open alcohol, and one written warning for failure to show proof of insurance.

While on patrol, CPO Holland and CPO Smith received a complaint and responded to the Vernon area in reference to subjects using vehicles to chase deer. The officers responded to the area and checked several hunters, however, none were observed chasing deer. CPO Holland did observe a subject with an open Bud Light beer in his vehicle for which he was issued a single citation for illegal transportation of open alcohol.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol when he observed several bags of trash dumped on a county roadway. A search of the garbage revealed an address label to an address approximately two miles away. CPO Buhnerkempe went to the address and spoke with the residents about the dumped trash. They admitted to dumping the trash on the roadway two days prior. Two individuals were cited for unlawful dumping.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson came across a couple of fishermen that did not have their licenses with them; they were both issued written warnings.

CPO Thompson cited a bow hunter for failing to tag a deer and report the harvest two days after killing the deer.

CPO Thompson cited a hunter for transporting a loaded, uncased rifle in his truck. The hunter said they don't have that law where he's from.

CPO Thompson came upon a subject riding his ATV on the Tunnel Hill Trail. The subject's driver's license was suspended and he stated he was headed to the store to buy some cigarettes. The subject was cited for operating ATV on the trail.

CPO Thompson was working waterfowl hunters in Pulaski, but was kept busy by the subjects he crossed paths with that were operating their ATV on the roadway. One subject was riding on US Highway 51; the 14 year old contacted his parents. They brought a trailer to pick up the ATV and the subject was issued a written warning. Another subject was riding his ATV on Olmsted Road; the 15 year old was followed home and issued a written warning. A third subject was riding on State Route 37 after making an alcohol purchase and heading back home. His driver's license was revoked and he did not have a county permit. He was issued a citation and followed home.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis cited two subjects for unlawfully shooting a bobcat in Pyramid State Park.

CPO Lewis assisted the Perry County Sherriff's office with a traffic stop. The stop resulted in multiple felony drug charges. The two occupants in the vehicle were found to be in possession of Vicodin, Tramadol and heroin. A subsequent interview of the subjects revealed the driver of the vehicle had picked up the passenger with intent of purchasing the narcotics due to "back pain." Both subjects were transported to the Perry County Jail.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Mohrman concluded the southern zone duck season working in Union and Alexander counties. Several minor violations were addressed with written warnings.